

THE VIEWPOINT

A quarterly news update from the Campbell family in Ecuador

Welcoming a Variety of Groups: A Steady Flow in the First 3 Months of 2026

Since the first of the year, we have begun to pick up the pace again as it relates to hosting groups, teams, and other events at the camp. In January, we hosted the national men's conference for Churches of Christ all over Ecuador. We also had a group of high school students from Alliance Academy International in Quito with us for a few days of service and cultural learning / exposure. They worked with the kids in our After School Program, did some clean-up and maintenance on a section of the prayer trail, sanded and treated picnic tables, went on home visits, had a tour of a rose plantation, and hiked at Cuicocha Lake.

In February, we hosted the annual Women's Spiritual Retreat at the camp in partnership with the Quito School of Biblical Studies. Julie Marcum and I delivered 4 lessons over the course of the weekend on communing with God through the Psalms. It is truly a joy to "serve the servants," during these retreats. Our aim is to create a space for women, especially those in ministry, to come away, be fed spiritually, and hopefully return to their places of service feeling refreshed and renewed.

In early March, a group of pharmacy students and their professors from William Carey University came to the camp for their spring break mission trip. They helped us put on a week-long medical clinic, seeing over 400 patients in 5 days at 2 different locations, and did a simple children's program in both places as well. A team of local volunteers (doctors, medical students, translators, and others) came alongside the U.S. team to complement their efforts. At the end of the month, we hosted the homeschool teen group that our boys participate in for their annual spring retreat here at the camp. As you can see, we host a variety of groups; we pray we are able to bless each one according to their needs.



Laura's small group at the
Women's Spiritual Retreat in February

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Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2 Corinthians 3:17

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **PRAISE** for the various groups we are able to serve through the ministry of the camp, and especially for the opportunity to “serve the servants” (p.1).
- **PRAISE** for all those who were helped through the medical mission in March (p. 1).
- **PRAISE** for a return to normal routines of life and ministry after our furlough (see right).
- **PRAY** for us as we adjust to the Marcum family’s absence (see right).
- **PRAY** for the children, youth, and families the camp serves in the After School Program.
- **PRAY** for Ecuador’s government and leaders and for peace to prevail.
- **PRAY** for the camp’s financial situation and that God will continue to provide funding for our needs.
- **PRAY** for our co-laborers in this ministry: Guillermo, Syndi, Seyber, and Kendall.
- **PRAY** for our employees and their families.
- **PRAY** for the Tabacundo Church of Christ, for growth and the raising up of leaders.

Follow The Campbell Family in Ecuador on Facebook for monthly prayer requests and updates.

Family Updates: Settling Back into Home and Routine

After being away from Ecuador for much of the summer and fall of 2025, it was nice to be back in our own space again. And after the excitement of the holidays, saying goodbye to Alex, and a few days of family vacation time, we were finally able to settle back into our normal routine. We picked up the pace with homeschooling, and Stephen and Ben enjoyed being



At the Summit of Rucu Pichincha

able to go to Homeschool Teen Fellowship nights once again and getting reacquainted with their friends. They helped with the annual fundraiser fair for the spring retreat, and then participated in the retreat at the end of March. Elizabeth celebrated her 12th birthday with a Harry Potter themed party and also had a friend visit from the States for a week around the same time. Ben organized a group of friends to climb Mt. Pichincha together. Most of the group made it to the top (15,000+ feet) of this extinct volcano, and then they decided to plan other adventures as a “hiking club!”

Of course, the big news this spring was the Marcum family’s decision to relocate back to the U.S. in June of this year. After spending a little over 14 years raising our families and doing ministry together in Ecuador, their departure will be a huge change for our family. We are beyond thrilled that their next chapter has them in Searcy, AR — to be a home base for Alex (and possibly other college-bound Campbell kids in the future) — but we sure will miss having them around here!

We appreciate your prayers for us, our children, and the ministry at Camp Bellevue and beyond. See the sidebar at left for specific ways to pray for us. We thank God for each of you and for your prayers and support that sustain and encourage us on this journey!

WEDDINGS AT CAMP BELLEVUE

Every so often, we get a request to hold a wedding at Camp Bellevue. We can’t offer all the fancy and elegant trappings that an official wedding venue can, but we are just the place for those looking for rustic and simple! We’ve hosted several weddings over the years, and it’s always a joy to offer this space as an affordable option to young couples just starting out. So far this year, there have been two weddings at the camp. Pictured is a young couple from the Tabacundo Church of Christ, who tied the knot at the end of March in a lovely outdoor ceremony.

Contributions to our family or ministry may be sent to: *Bellevue Church of Christ, 1212 104th Ave. SE, Bellevue WA 98004*. Make checks payable to the church and earmark “Camp Bellevue” (for the camp general fund) or “Campbell Family” (for our personal support).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

